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SIHANOUK READY TO HOLD DISCUSSION WITH AMERICANS

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(TEXT) HANOI, 6 FEB--BY JEAN LECLERC DU SABLON--PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK DENIED IN HANOI ON TUESDAY THAT A MEETING WITH KISSINGER HAS ALREADY BEEN ORGANIZED. THE HEAD OF THE KHMER RESISTANCE SAID THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, SUCH A PLAN DID NOT EXIST, BUT HE ADDED THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON'S SPECIAL ADVISER ANYWHERE AT ANY TIME.

KISSINGER IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT HANOI FROM 10 TO 13 FEBRUARY AND PEKING FROM 15 TO 19 FEBRUARY. THE GAP IN THE ~~AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S~~ SCHEDULE HAS GIVEN RISE TO MEETING WITH PRINCE SIHANOUK, WHO LEADS THE RESISTANCE AGAINST MARSHAL LON NOL'S REGIME FROM PEKING. MARSHAL LON NOL OVERTHREW SI ANOUK IN MARCH 1970 WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF CAMBODIA (RGNUC), WHO HAS JUST COMPLETED A 1-WEEK VISIT TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CAPITAL ON THE OCCASION OF THE TET HOLIDAYS, ADDED THAT THERE WAS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE. HE SAID: THERE IS MORE OF A CHANCE THAT I WILL NOT SEE KISSINGER THAN THAT I WILL MEET WITH HIM. PRINCE SIHANOUK WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS LUNCHEON.

PRINCE SIHANOUK, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE HANOI WEDNESDAY, GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS NOT REALLY FAMILIAR WITH KISSINGER'S INTENTIONS. HE NOTED THAT THE RUMORS HAD EVEN REACHED HIS STAFF AND THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF, (NAME INDISTINCT), HAD TAKEN HIS ASIDE TO ASK HIM TO REVEAL THE SECRET.

PRINCE SIHANOUK EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S SPECIAL ENVOY WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS TRIP TO FEEL OUT THE GROUND WITH A VIEW TOWARD A SETTLEMENT OF THE CAMBODIA CONFLICT. THIS SETTLEMENT WOULD BE REACHED NOT THROUGH DIRECT CONTACTS, BUT RATHER THROUGH THE MEDIATION OF THE TWO BIG ALLIES: THE CHINESE AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT.

PRINCE SIHANOUK SAID THAT KISSINGER HAD RECENTLY TOLD LE DUC THO THAT IN PEKING HE INTENDED TO ASK CHOU EN-LAI SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT CAMBODIA. THE PRINCE ADDED THAT PRC AND DRV PREMIERS CHOU EN-LAI AND PAHN VAN DONG INTENDED TO TELL KISSINGER THAT THE SOLUTION TO THE CAMBODIAN PROBLEM DEPENDS ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE RGNUC BY THE UNITED STATES.

PRINCE SIHANOUK SAID: I CAN TELL YOU THAT CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS HAVE ASKED THAT THE PROBLEM'S OF LAOS AND CAMBODIA, UPON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE, BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE,

ICH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN PARIS ON 26 FEBRUARY. THE HANOI AND PEKING REPRESENTATIVES WILL SAY AT THAT CONFERENCE THAT THE CONFERENCE HAS NO RIGHT TO DISCUSS THE CAMBODIAN PROBLEM WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF CAMBODIANS, AND WILL SAY--SHOULD THE NEED ARISE--THAT ONLY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RGNUC SHOULD BE ADMITTED. IF THE ENVOYS OF THE LON NOL REGIME ARE PRESENT, EVEN AS OBSERVERS, THE PRC AND NORTH VIETNAM WILL LEAVE THE CONFERENCE. PRINCE SIHANOUK CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE WAS READY TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AMERICANS BUT THAT HE WILL NEVER ACCEPT DIRECT OR INDIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARSHAL LON NOL. THE AMERICANS SHOULD STOP DREAMING, HE SAID.

VCORRECTION: PARAGRAPH TWO, LINES THREE AND FOUR, PLEASE MAKE READ XXX GAP IN THE AMERICAN NEGOTIATOR'S SCHEDULE HAS GIVEN RISE TO RUMORS OF A SECRET MEETING WITH PRINCE SIHANOUK, XXX (CORRECTING OVERLINED PORTION)

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